

## ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (EA/EIS)

### Part I. Proposed Action Description

**Applicant/Contact Name & Address:** Nance Petroleum  
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**Type of Action:** Beneficial Water Use Application **42B 30026121**  
To use water produced from CBM production for stock watering and industrial uses.

**Location Affected by Action:** All section in:  
Township 9 South, Range 44 East in Big Horn County  
Township 10 South, Range 42 East in Big Horn County  
Township 10 South, Range 43 East in Big Horn County

**Narrative Summary of Proposed Action:** Water is produced by coal bed methane production. It is the applicant's intent to obtain a water use permit to use that water for stocking watering, dust abatement and compaction purposes.

### Part II. Existing Environmental Review Information

**Title:** Final Statewide Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement

**Publication Date:** January 2003

**Lead Agency:** Montana DEQ, BOGC & US Bureau of Land Management

**Location Where Interested Parties Can View or Obtain the Document:**

<http://www.deq.mt.gov/CoalBedMethane/finaleis.asp>

### Part III. Criteria for Adopting Existing Environmental Review

- ☒ Yes ☐ No Does the existing environmental review cover an action paralleling or closely related to the proposed action?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Is the information in the existing environmental review accurate and clearly presented?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Is the information in the existing environmental review applicable to the action being considered?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Were all appropriate Agencies consulted during preparation of the existing environmental review?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Were alternatives to the proposed action evaluated as part of the existing environmental review effort?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Have all of the impacts of the proposed action been accurately identified as part of the existing environmental review?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No If the existing environmental review identifies any significant impacts as a result of the proposed action, will they be mitigated below the level of significance?

### Part IV. Conclusion

If the answers to ALL of the questions listed above are "Yes", the existing environmental review can be considered sufficient to satisfy DNRC's MEPA review responsibilities.

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